

Aberhafesp Community Council

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Minutes of the Aberhafesp Community Council held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at the Community Centre.

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Declaration of Interest
4. Members of the public speaking session (15 minutes maximum)
5. Minutes of previous meeting
6. Matters arising
7. Financial Update
 - 1) Bank Reconciliation
 - 2) Invoices for payment from Audit Wales
 - 3) Donation from Mr & Mrs Gallier for upkeep of defibrillators
8. Set budget for 2024/25 and agree precept
9. Correspondence
10. County Councillor update
11. Other Issues

Present: Cllrs. A Nutting (chair), G Green (vice), N Hamer, S Pryce, R Jones, R Amy, R Hamer (clerk)

1. Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies - Cllr. Hopkins & C Cllr Hulme
3. Declaration of interest - Cllr Hamer - point 8 on Community Centre Committee
4. Members of the public speaking session - None
5. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as true and signed by the chair.
6. Matters arising - Pool Cottage - Refused, Tan y Coed - Bwlch y Ffridd - Pending Consideration.
7. Financial Update
 - 1) Bank Reconciliation £7745.66 plus £868.12 dividend payments. Clerk noted that the December dividend payment had not been received. A statement had been sent, but then retracted as there was a correction to be made.
 - 2) Two invoices for payment both from Audit Wales, for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 audit fees, £675.00 & £210.00. It was agreed for both invoices to be paid. Clerk noted that she was unable to pay the invoice for £675 online as the daily limit was set at £500. It was agreed to increase the daily limit to £800.00. Clerk to make arrangements with HSBC.
 - 3) A donation had been received from Mr & Mrs Gallier of £50 towards the upkeep of the community defibrillators. Clerk had spoken to Mr Gallier to thank them both and sent an email of thanks.
8. Appendix 1. Clerk explained the budget from this financial year, the ear marked money and what was estimated to be left in the account at the end of this financial year £1558.67, plus what was earmarked. There was still a donation to the Urdd that was to be taken from this years precept. It was noted that the Council was now in a better financial situation, as in the past Audit Wales had commented that we did not have sufficient funds in the event of an emergency or unexpected expense. Each topic of the budget was discussed. Clerk and chair had met previously to suggest an amount for each topic, if the precept was to be kept the same as the current financial year. Each topic was discussed and accepted except for two amendments: Assets to be increased to £150.00 as

two noticeboards needed repair. The clerks wages were to be increased by £200 Cllr N Hamer abstained from this discussion. With these amendments the precept was agreed to the same as last year £6445.68. Clerk to send in precept request.

9. Correspondence - An enquiry had been received through the Community Council website asking for our views on the Penstrowed Quarry Lodge development. After some discussion the council did not have any objections. Clerk to reply to enquiry.

A letter of thanks had been received from The Game Change Project for the donation.

10. County Councillor Update - The latest report had been received and sent to all Councillors.

11. Other Issues: Cllr Amy had sent an email to Cllr Hulme with regards to PCC not publishing comments made by members of the public on the PCC planning portal. He felt he was unable to represent the members of the parish if he was unable to see their views. Other Councils published the comments or sent them to you on request after the names etc had been redacted. Cllr Amy had sent this as a member of the public and not as a Councillor.

Road below Glascoed was collapsing into the brook, where the brook runs under the road, it had first been reported to PCC in July. Signs and cones had now been placed there and it looked like work would not start until the new financial year. Drains by Aberhafesp Church were blocked this had also been reported to Highways

No further issues the chair closed the meeting at 8.14pm

Appendix 1

	2023/24 Budget	Actual/Estimated 2023/24	2024/25 Budget	Comments
Assets	100.00	78.00	150.00	
Audit Fee External	1500.00	885.00	600.00	previous 2 years
Audit fee Internal	50.00	50.00	75.00	
Clerk office expenses	80.00	80.00	80.00	
Clerk salary	2202.00	2202.00	2402.00	
Community Centre Hire/Zoom	150.00	85.00	150.00	New fees: Affiliation £25.00, 1st hour £12.50, extra £5 ph
Donation to Community Centre	250.00	450.00	1000.00	
SID/loan repayment	1063.68	1063.68	620.51	£88.64 a month, 7 months left
Election costs	100.00	100.00		See Earmarked
Donations	100.00	300.00	500.00	
Insurance	300.00	317.61	350.00	
12 months laptop support & anti virus	200.00	162.00	200.00	
One voice Wales membership	80.00	80.00	90.00	
Bank charges	70.00	60.40	70.00	
Newsletter	200.00	0.00	0.00	£200 per year
Upkeep of Defibs/SID	0.00	0.00	100.00	See Earmarked
Training	0.00	0.00		See Earmarked
Total	6445.68	5913.69	6387.51	

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Divi Payments	868.12
Training	500.00
Election Costs	600.00
Kiosk Lights	192.00
Newsletter	200.00
Emergency/Unexpected	2500.00
Defib	50.00
Total	4910.12

Left approx. £1558.67
Urdd donation?